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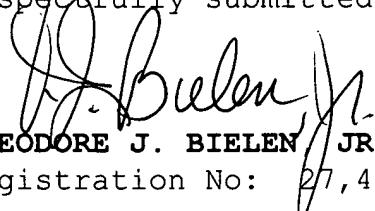
Applicant has just discovered the existence of two items of prior art which are discussed as follows:

Both pieces of prior art are attached to accompanying the PTO/SB/08B form.

The RC Tronics chairlift control, believed to be prior art by Applicant, includes a controller which is pictured in the information disclosure document. A chairlift is only operated when the vehicle parking brake, and the vehicle transmission is located in "park". The system does not include a microprocessor and lacks a filter system to isolate the microprocessor from voltage spikes.

The Trans Stop Safety Systems and Control brochure, believed to be prior art by the Applicant, shows a transmission lock system in which a relay operates a solenoid to permit the operation of a chair lift. The vehicle transmission must be in neutral and the vehicle parking brake set in order to operate the lift. Thus, the transmission is not held in the "park" position and the system does not include a microprocessor or an integrated circuit.

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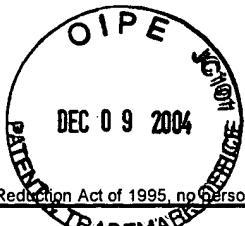
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